



REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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| Application Number | 09/427,263 |
| Filing Date | October 26, 1999 |
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| Art Unit | 2162 |
| Examiner Name | Shahid Al Alam |
| Attorney Docket Number | 063170.6269 |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☒ Previously submitted

i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on

August 28, 2006.

(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.117(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) in the amount of \$790.00

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17). Applicant notes that the amendment was filed within two months of the date of the final Office Action. As of December 28, 2006, Applicant has not received an Advisory Action from the Examiner. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP § 706.07(f), Applicant believes no extension fee is due. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ 790.00 (RCE Fee) is enclosed.

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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